

nurses or which have established effective programs or pilots to increase nurse faculty; or

(5) are modeled after or affiliated with such programs described in paragraph (4).

(h) EVALUATION.—

(1) PROGRAM EVALUATIONS.—An entity that receives a grant under this section shall annually evaluate, and submit to the Secretary a report on, the activities carried out under the grant and the outcomes of such activities. Such outcomes may include—

(A) an increased number of incumbent workers entering an accredited school of nursing and in the pipeline for nursing programs;

(B) an increasing number of graduating nurses and improved nurse graduation and licensure rates;

(C) improved nurse retention;

(D) an increase in the number of staff nurses at the healthcare facility involved;

(E) an increase in the number of nurses with advanced degrees in nursing;

(F) an increase in the number of nurse faculty;

(G) improved measures of patient quality (which may include staffing ratios of nurses, patient satisfaction rates, patient safety measures); and

(H) an increase in the diversity of new nurse graduates relative to the patient population.

(2) GENERAL REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of Labor shall, using data and information from the reports received under paragraph (1), submit to Congress a report concerning the overall effectiveness of the grant program carried out under this section.

(i) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, such sums as may be necessary.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 222—RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT COMMANDER CHRIS CASSIDY, SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION SPECIALIST OF THE STS-127 SPACE SHUTTLE MISSION AND THE EXPEDITION 19 INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION MISSION, FOR BECOMING THE 500TH PERSON TO FLY INTO SPACE

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 222

Whereas Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy attended York High School in York, Maine;

Whereas, in 1993, Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the United States Naval Academy;

Whereas, in 2000, Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy earned a master's degree in ocean engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology;

Whereas Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy honorably served as a Navy SEAL for 10 years;

Whereas Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy graduated with honors from Class 192 of the Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL program;

Whereas, in 2003 and 2004, Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy was a Quest speaker at

the United States Naval Academy Combat Leadership Seminar;

Whereas Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy was awarded a Bronze Star with combat "V" and a Presidential Unit Citation for leading a 9-day operation at the Zharwar Kili cave complex on the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan;

Whereas, in 2004, Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy was awarded a second Bronze Star for combat leadership in Afghanistan;

Whereas Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy volunteered for and completed a week-long, 180-mile charity kayak trip from Norfolk, Virginia, to Washington, District of Columbia, to raise money and awareness for the Special Operations Warrior Foundation;

Whereas, in May 2004, Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy was selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to become an astronaut;

Whereas, on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first person to step on the moon;

Whereas 2009 marks the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission;

Whereas, on July 15, 2009, aboard space shuttle mission STS-127, Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy became the 500th person in history to fly into space;

Whereas the primary goal of the STS-127 space shuttle mission is to deliver the final components of the Kibo laboratory of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency to the International Space Station; and

Whereas the STS-127 mission is essential to the performance of valuable science experiments in the vacuum of space: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy, space shuttle mission specialist of the STS-127 space shuttle mission and the Expedition 19 International Space Station mission, for becoming the 500th person in history to fly into space; and

(2) commends Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy and the STS-127 space shuttle mission crew for risking their lives to advance science and human understanding.

Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, I rise today to submit a resolution recognizing Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy, space shuttle mission specialist of the STS-127 space shuttle mission and the Expedition 19 International Space Station mission, for becoming the 500th person to fly into space.

While Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy is a native of Salem, Massachusetts, he considers York, ME, his hometown, where he attended York High School. Chris has a very impressive academic background earning a bachelor of science in Mathematics from the U.S. Naval Academy, and a Master of Science in Ocean Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Even more impressive is his ongoing service to his country. Chris spent 10 years as a U.S. Navy SEAL, which includes two tours in Afghanistan. During that time, he received numerous awards including the Bronze Star with the combat "V" and the Presidential Unit Citation for leading a 9-day operation at the Zharwar Kili cave complex. This operation was a national priority objective directly on the Afghan/Pakistan border. Lieutenant Commander Cassidy received a second Bronze Star for combat leadership

service in Afghanistan in 2004. Chris was also a Quest speaker at the U.S. Naval Academy's 2003 and 2004 Combat Leadership Seminars.

Upon returning from his service, Chris was selected by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to begin astronaut training in 2004 at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston.

The space shuttle STS-127 mission is Lieutenant Commander Cassidy's first time in space. As this Nation celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission and the first man on the moon, Chris Cassidy becomes the 500th person to travel to space on the Space Shuttle Endeavor. The STS-127 mission's primary goal is to deliver the final components of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Kibo laboratory to the International Space Station, which will be essential to allowing astronauts to perform valuable science experiments that are exposed to the vacuum of space. In order to install those components, five space walks are scheduled for the 16-day mission and Chris is expected to perform three of them.

This resolution recognizes Space Shuttle Mission Specialist Navy Lieutenant Commander Chris Cassidy of STS-127 space shuttle mission and the Expedition 19 International Space Station mission and for becoming the 500th person in history to fly into space; and also commends him and the rest of the STS-127 Mission crew for risking their lives in the advance of science and human understanding. I hope my colleagues will join Senator COLLINS and me in supporting this resolution.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1767. Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. KENNEDY) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1390, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

SA 1768. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*.

SA 1769. Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LUGAR) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1770. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1771. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1772. Mr. THUNE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1773. Mr. KYL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1390, *supra*.

SA 1774. Mr. KYL (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MARTINEZ,